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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 27 are pending in the present Application. Claim 8 has been cancelled and Claim 12 has been amended, leaving Claims 1 - 7 and 9 - 27 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. (Office Action dated June 24, 2004, page 2) In particular, the Examiner has stated that "the claim contains a typo which confuses the claim. It appears that '19' should read '1'". (Office Action dated June 24, 2004, page 2)

The dependency of Claim 12 has now been corrected to depend from Claim 1 rendering this rejection moot. Applicants respectfully request a withdrawal of the rejection and an allowance of the Claim 12.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of Claim 12 of Prior U.S. Patent No. 6,635,788. (Office Action dated June 24, 2004, page 2)

Claim 8 has now been cancelled, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Claims 1 - 27 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 - 26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,635,788 optionally in view of U.S. patent No. 5,786,522 and "Kirk Othmer Encyclopaedia of Chemical Technology," (4th Ed. Vol. 19, pp. 584- 599 (1996)). (Office Action dated June 24, 2004, pages 2 and 3)

A terminal disclaimer is being filed herewith, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the case is hereby respectfully requested.

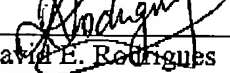
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It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-0862.

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